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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Reference Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Sirs:

I am opposed to the 9.5% rate increase requested by SCE&G. Consumers are struggling to provide basic necessities for their families during a time of severe economic downturn, unemployment and state-wide hardship. Significant inflation in the cost of basic, life-sustaining essentials like electricity, for people who are living on fixed incomes, is particularly difficult.

SCE&G has already been approved for a rate increase each year, and is now asking for this increase on top of the one they already have. I sincerely hope that, as stewards of the public interest, you will vote not to allow the increase.

Sincerely,



Lynnda C. Bassham

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